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In re application of **Lorna Strachan, Matthew Sleeman, Nevin Abernethy, Rene Onrust, Krishanand D. Kumble, and James G. Murison**

Application No. : 09/823,038

Group Art Unit: 1646

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For : **COMPOSITIONS ISOLATED FROM STROMAL CELLS AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE**

Examiner : Ruixiang Li

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, kindly amend the subject patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

C¹ ~~This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/383,586, filed August 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,242,419; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/276,268, filed March 25, 1999, now abandoned; and claims priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/NZ00/00015,~~